

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1216

INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

C O N F I D E N T I A L DAMASCUS 1655

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC, SY

SUBJECT: PROPOSED MSG DETACHMENT DAMASCUS

REF: BEIRUT 9610

1. WE APPRECIATE RSO RMO INSPECTION OF FACILITIES ON AUGUST 9 FOR SUBJECT DETACHMENT. POST WILL MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO LINE UP HOUSING FOR DETACHMENT, BUT AGREES THAT OCTOBER 1 IS MORE REALISTIC DATE. ADMIN OFFICER LEE AND RMO BOTH INSPECTED POSSIBLE SUITABLE MSG APARTMENT, BUT IT WILL NOT BE READY UNTIL APPROX SEPT 15 AND NAILING DOWN COST IS PROVING DIFFICULT. COST OF HOUSING FOR MSG AND NCOIC WILL BE REPORTED SEPTEL. IN VIEW OF URGENCY, POST MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO MEET SEPT 1 DEADLINE.

2. WITH REGARD TO SYRIAN APPROVAL, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE THAT WE AWAIT ANY FURTHER APPROVAL FROM THE SYRIANS. CHARGE HAS ALREADY INFORMALLY TOLD HEAD OF AMERICAN DIRECTORATE SHOUFI THAT THE DETACHMENT WILL BE ASSIGNED. SHOUFI HAD NO TROUBLE WITH THIS INFORMATION AND AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO NEED OF FORMAL NOTIFICATION BY THE EMBASSY OF THIS ASSIGNMENT. WE BELIEVE, THEREFORE, WE SHOULD PROCEED ON THIS MATTER WITHOUT WAITING ANY FURTHER INDICATION FROM THE SYRIANS.

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